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SUBJ: SYG'S REPORT ON CYPRUS

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1. DEPT ENDORSES USUN'S DEMARCHE REPORTED REFTEL. WE PREPARED TO SUPPORT UK EFFORT TO INSERT LANGUAGE IN DRAFT SC RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD SERVE TO DECOUPLE FURTHER UNFICYP REDUCTIONS FROM EXPLICIT COMMITMENT BY PARTIES TO PREVENT INTERCOMMUNAL CLASHES AND SPUR UNSYG TO GO FORWARD WITH REDUCTIONS. IF FCO REACTION POSITIVE YOU AUTHORIZED JOIN UKUN IN EXPLORING FEASIBILITY OF SUCH LANGUAGE WITH TROOP CONTRIBUTORS AND SC MEMBERS. EVEN IF FCO REACTION NEGATIVE YOU AUTHORIZED UNDERTAKE SUCH EXPLORATIONS ALONE.

2. TEXT PARA 7 REFTEL (A) WOULD LEAVE UN ROOM FOR GO-SLOW POLICY ON REDUCTIONS SINCE IT WOULD READILY ARGUE THAT SUCH CUTS INCONSISTENT WITH PRESERVATION OF SECURITY IN
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AREA. MOREOVER, SUB-PARA B DOES NOT PROVIDE SPECIFIC

IMPETUS TO SYG TO FOLLOW-THROUGH ON PHASE II REDUCTIONS. WE WOULD PREFER SUB-PARA B ALONG LINES QUOTE REQUESTS THE SYG TO IMPLEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE SECOND PHASE OF REDUCTIONS OUTLINED IN PARA 22 OF HIS REPORT OF DECEMBER 1, 1973 (S/11137, LOOKING TOWARD THE CONTINUATION OF THE FORCE WITH THE ROLE AND STRUCTURE AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 19 AND 20 OF THAT REPORT.UNQUOTE.

3. FOR NICOSIA: WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUING DIALOGUE

WITH OSORIO AND PREM CHAND. RE YOUR QUERY PARA 9 REFTEL B. SYG REPORT (PARA 19) REFERS TO "PREREQUISITES" REPORTED PARA 2 USUN REFTEL, STATING

QUOTE 19. ONCE THE ABOVE PREREQUISITES HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY MET, THE FORCE COULD BE RESTRUCTURED TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANDATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REVISED DIRECTIVES I WOULD ISSUE TO THE FORCE COMMANDER. THESE WOULD SPECIFY, INTER ALIA, THAT UNFICYP'S ROLE WITH REGARD TO PREVENTING THE RECURRENCE OF FIGHTING SHOULD NOW EMPHASIZE PREVENTIVE ACTION AND MEASURES SUCH AS NEGOTIATIONS AND PERSUASION WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED, RATHER THAN RELYING ON MILITARY DEPLOYMENT AND INTERPOSITION OF MILITARY FORCES ON THE GROUND.

QUOTE 20. TO FULFIL THIS MODIFIED ROLE, IT IS ENVISAGED THAT UNFICYP WOULD UNDERGO A RESTRUCTURING THAT WOULD CONVERT IT INTO AN INTERMEDIATE-SIZED MIXED OPERATION COMPRISING BOTH GROUND TROOPS AND OBSERVATION-RECONNAISSANCE TEAMS. GROUPS OF FOUR OR MORE OF THESE TEAMS WOULD REPLACE SOME OF THE CONVENTIONAL RIFLE COMPANIES OF THE SEVERAL UNFICYP BATTALIONS, RESULTING IN MANPOWER ECONOMIES. THE TEAMS WOULD OPERATE WITH RADIO-EQUIPPED LIGHT VEHICLES, AND WOULD HAVE THE TASK OF GENERAL PATROLLING, INVESTIGATIONS OF INCIDENTS AND COMPLAINTS, AND DEPLOYMENT TO OBSERVE AND HELP IN RESOLVING ANY DEVELOPING SENSITIVE SITUATION. UNQUOTE

4. PARA 22 OF SYG REPORT STATES PHASE II REDUCTION
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PROVISIONALLY SCHEDULED FOR SPRING 1974 ROTATIONS WOULD RESULT IN FURTHER REDUCTION OF 383 ALL RANKS WHICH TOGETHER WITH FIRST PHASE REDUCTIONS WOULD TOTAL 822 ALL RANKS (INCLUDING UNCIVPOL) OR 26 PERCENT OF TOTAL STRENGTH AS OF 26 MAY 1973. PARA ALSO GIVES DETAILED NUMERICAL REDUCTIONS FOR EACH CONTINGENT IN PHASE I AND II. KISSINGER

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